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Comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects

Report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)

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I. Introduction

1. Information on the consideration of agenda item 33 by the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) appears in the report of the Committee contained in document A/61/409.

2. The Fourth Committee considered this item at its 13th to 16th and 25th meetings, on 19, 20, 23 and 25 October and on 9 November 2006 (see A/C.4/61/SR.13-16 and 25).

3. The Fourth Committee resumed its consideration of the item at its 28th meeting, on 7 May 2007 (see A/C.4/61/SR.28). The representative of Egypt, in his capacity as the Rapporteur of the Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations, introduced part I of the report of the Special Committee (A/61/19 (Part I)).

II. Consideration of draft resolution A/C.4/61/L.19

4. At the 28th meeting, on 7 May 2007, the representative of Egypt, on behalf of Argentina, Canada, Egypt, Japan, Nigeria and Poland, introduced a draft resolution entitled "Comprehensive review of a strategy to eliminate future sexual exploitation and abuse in United Nations peacekeeping operations" (A/C.4/61/L.19).

5. Also, at the 28th meeting, the representative of the Russian Federation proposed that the placement of footnote "2" be moved from operative paragraph 1 of the draft resolution to operative paragraph 2.

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6. At the same meeting, the Secretary of the Committee made an oral statement regarding the programme budget implications of the draft resolution (see A/C.4/61/SR.28).

7. Also at the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.4/61/L.19 without a vote (see para. 9).

8. After the adoption of the draft resolution, statements were made by the representatives of Morocco, on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement, and by the Dominican Republic, on behalf of the Rio Group (see A/C.4/61/SR.28).

III. Recommendation of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)

9. The Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Comprehensive review of a strategy to eliminate future sexual exploitation and abuse in United Nations peacekeeping operations

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 2006 (XIX) of 18 February 1965 and all other relevant resolutions,

Recalling in particular paragraph 165 of its resolution 60/1 of 16 September 2005, and its resolutions 59/281 of 29 March 2005, 59/300 of 22 June 2005, 60/263 of 6 June 2006 and 60/289 of 8 September 2006,

Reaffirming its resolution 59/296 of 22 June 2005, as well as its resolutions 59/300 and 60/263, and the need for the United Nations to implement its policy of zero tolerance of sexual exploitation and abuse in its peacekeeping operations, as recommended by the Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations,[1]

Reaffirming also the need for a comprehensive strategy of assistance to victims of sexual exploitation and abuse by United Nations staff or related personnel,

Convinced of the need for the United Nations to take strong and effective steps in this regard,

1. *Welcomes* the report of the Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations on its second resumed session of 2006, held on 18 December 2006;

2. *Endorses* the proposals, recommendations and conclusions of the Special Committee contained in paragraphs 1 to 5 of its report.[2]

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[1] A/60/19, para. 75; for the final text, see *Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixtieth Session, Supplement No. 19* (A/60/19/Rev.1).

[2] A/61/19 (Part I).